

Welcome to the 2015-16 University Senate

Thank you for your service!

Campus Governance Leaders & Council and Committee Chairs

- Please sign in
- Pick up your assigned iClicker
- Take a seat in the front

Senators:

- Please sign in
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- Take a seat in the chairs angled toward the center

Guests:

- please sign in
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Agenda

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2015

President's Report – Robert J. Jones

Provost's Report – James Stellar

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox

Brief Welcome & Introduction

- Senate Officers/Staff
- Senate Procedures & Use of iClickers

Other Reports:

- CHEH Update – David Rousseau
- SUNY Senators' Report
- Graduate Student Association Report
- Student Association Report
- Council/Committee Reports

Old Business:

- Deactivation and Discontinuance of Puerto Rican Studies Major

New Business:

- Election of Senators Selected by their Councils as Council Chair
- Approval of Changes in Council Membership
- Introduction of Charter Amendments 1516-01A and 1516-02A (for vote on 10/19/2014)

Adjournment

Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2015

President's Report – Robert J. Jones

Provost's Report – James Stellar

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (1 of 6)

I. Informational

- a. On June 12, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences informed Senate Chair Stefl-Mabry that the Religious Studies Program had been moved from the Department of Art and Art History to the Department of History, effective fall 2015.

- b. On May 21, Senate officers were asked to provide feedback on the Middle States Periodic Review Report (MSPRR); feedback and suggestions from Chair Stefl-Mabry were incorporated into the document that was due June 1. Two recommendations that remain only partially addressed include amending the process by which part-time faculty Senators are elected (currently by “voting faculty,” of which they are not a part) and consideration of representation on the Senate by emeritus faculty and those employed by the Research Foundation.

- c. Senate Chair Stefl-Mabry and Vice Chair Fox met with Provost Stellar and Chief of Staff Leanne Wirkkula on July 1. Topics discussed included the MSPRR report, SUNY EXCELS, faculty evaluation of administrators, the status of the yearly reports from the Vice President for Research on the occurrence of cases pertaining to violations of academic integrity principles in research and scholarship and their disposition, and the need to replace Albany Law student Andrew Howard as Senate Parliamentarian. As a follow-up to that meeting, Chair Stefl-Mabry sent Provost Stellar documents related to the proposed Senate Council on Administrative Review and Evaluation (CARE) which the Governance Council has been working on since 2011.

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (2 of 6)

d. In mid-July, Senate officers received materials from Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Strategic Leadership and Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Jason Lane relative to the implementation of SUNY's Seamless Transfer framework. As per a Memorandum to Campus Presidents of 6/13/13, the Final Program Status Inventory and STR Attestation Letter need to be completed and submitted to system administration no later than COB on October 15, 2015.

d. In August, Barry Trachtenberg, Vice President for Academics of the Albany Chapter of UUP, asked to meet with Senate officers to convey some concerns regarding CPCA.

f. The schedule of monthly meetings between the Senate Chair, Vice Chair and Immediate Past Chair, the Provost and the President's Chief of Staff has been established for the 2015-16 year. The first meeting was held on September 15.

g. Chair Fox learned on September 14 that SUNY Central administration has invited campus governance bodies to provide input by October 9 on a revised Patent and Inventions Policy that they plan to submit to the Board of Trustees in November.

h. Senate officers were informed on September 15 that (14) proposals were submitted to SUNY System Administration on August 28 in response to their invitation for ideas that support SUNY Excels and goals for student completion, and on September 16 that eleven (11) of these proposals (listed below) have now been given the go ahead for development and submission by October 15.

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (3 of 6)

123 Advanced Data Analytics Institute

124 Data Analytics for Transforming SUNY

126 Developing Cyberstructure to Advance Sensor Research and Development

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#129 Faculty Start Up packages for CEHC

#129: Increasing Access Completion and Seamless Transfer Success through the Development of Common Student Learning Outcomes

#130 Increasing Student Enrollment and Minority Representation in the STEM Fields and Licensed Professions

#132: Renovation of the Schuyler Building as the New Home of the UAlbany College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

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#136 UAlbany Advantage Enhancing the Student Experience

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (4 of 6)

- i. Chair Fox received a request for Senate consultation in the appointment of faculty members to the Honors College Governing Board (HCGB) on September 16.

- j. The fall faculty meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 27 from 3-4pm in the PAC.

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (5 of 6)

2. Actions Taken

- a. Chair Fox attended the first meeting of CPCA on August 30 to share UUP concerns.
- b. Materials relevant to SUNY's proposed Revised Patent and Inventions Policy were forwarded to COR for comment on September 14.
- c. Materials relevant to appointment of faculty members to the Honors College Governing Board (HCGB) were forwarded to GOV for action on September 16.
- d. The 11 proposals that support SUNY Excels and goals for student completion were forwarded to relevant Senate Councils for comment on September 16 and 18.
- e. Following consultation with the SEC on September 16, Chair Fox has appointed Ronald Vero as Senate Parliamentarian for 2015-16.

Senate Chair's Report – Cynthia Fox (6 of 6)

3 Recommended Actions

- In accordance with Senate Charter X.1.3.3., the Senate, via the Governance Council, is charged to develop and administer the next survey of effectiveness of governance and consultation in Spring 2016.

Brief Welcome & Introduction

Senate Meeting Schedule

September 28, 2015

October 19, 2015

November 16, 2015

December 7, 2015

February 8, 2016

March 7, 2016

April 4, 2016

April 25, 2016

May 9, 2016

Brief Welcome & Introduction

Senate Officers

- Immediate Past Chair – Joette Stefl-Mabry
- Chair – Cynthia Fox
- Vice-Chair – James Collins
- Secretary – Yenisel Gulatee

Support Staff

- Elisa Lopez

Parliamentarian *(Senate Charter VII.3)*

- Ronald Vero *(National Association of Parliamentarians)*

Introduction to the Senate

Senate website: www.albany.edu/senate

Faculty Bylaws of the University at Albany Charter of the University Senate

FAQ's for Senators
Senate Handbook
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Introduction to the Senate

Faculty Bylaws of the University at Albany, December 8, 2003

PREAMBLE:

The responsibility of the Faculty for the conduct of the University's instructional, research, and service programs, and its right to create bylaws to establish mechanisms to discharge those responsibilities, are derived from the "State University of New York Policies of the Board of Trustees." With these *Bylaws*, the Faculty creates the necessary organizations and procedures.

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Faculty Bylaws, Article I. Section 2 – Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty

2.2 Specification of Faculty Responsibilities:

2.2.1. The Faculty may initiate and shall disapprove or approve and recommend for implementation:

- (a) All changes in, additions to, or deletions from the Curriculum
- (b) Policies or standards regarding evaluation of students' academic work
- (c) Policies or standards regarding admission to the University and to its degree-granting or certificate programs
- (d) Policies and standards for graduation of students and awarding of academic degrees and certificates, including honorary degrees
- (e) Policies and standards for the conduct and evaluation of research and teaching
- (f) Policies and standards for appointment, promotion, and tenure (continuing appointment) of teaching faculty.

Introduction to the Senate

Faculty Bylaws, Article I. Section 2 – Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty

2.2 Specification of Faculty Responsibilities:

2.2.2. The Faculty shall be informed and given opportunity to discuss at the earliest possible stages in their formulation, and shall review and provide formal consultation on, prior to adoption, all proposals regarding:

- (a) Creation, renaming, major re-organization, or dissolution of academic units and programs
- (b) Goals and formal plans directing the future of the University
- (c) Policies or standards governing speech and assembly on the campuses of the University
- (d) Plans for development of new campus facilities, or major modifications or closure of existing facilities

Introduction to the Senate

Faculty Bylaws, Article I. Section 2 – Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty

2.2 Specification of Faculty Responsibilities:

2.2.3. The Faculty shall provide ongoing consultation on institution-wide budget or business initiatives that affect the teaching, research, or service programs of the University. Detailed annual reports shall be provided on actual budget expenditures.

2.2.4. The Faculty shall establish procedures for investigating, hearing, and reporting to appropriate persons or bodies with respect to charges or complaints:

(a) Brought by members of the Faculty against other members of the Faculty or against administrative officers of the University, or

(b) Brought against members of the Faculty by students or other members of the University community, or

(c) Brought by members of the University community regarding restrictions on Freedom of Expression and Assembly, including academic freedom.

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Faculty Bylaws, Article I. Section 2 – Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty

2.2 Specification of Faculty Responsibilities:

2.3 To discharge these responsibilities, the Faculty shall create a University Senate and shall delegate its power to that Senate, reserving to itself the powers specified in Article I, Section 5, Article IV and Article V of these *Bylaws*.

2.4 The Faculty executes its responsibilities directly, as authorized by Section 2.2.1, by formal consultation as required by Section 2.2.2, and by advising. Faculty participation in such decision-making is to be done via the appropriate governance body as defined by the Senate, or by its Executive Committee, except as provided in Article I, Section 5.

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Faculty Bylaws, Article II. Section 1 – Powers and Responsibilities of the Senate

1.1 The Senate shall have the powers vested in the Faculty by *The Policies of the Board of Trustees* of the State University, including those specified in Article I Section 2, but excepting the powers reserved to the Faculty in Article I, Section 5, Article IV and Article V of these *Bylaws*. The Senate shall be the principal policy-forming body of the University.

1.2 The Senate, recognizing that the power of the Faculty, and hence, its own, are limited by State Law, by the Policies of the Board of Trustees, by the policies of the University at Albany Council, and by the prerogatives vested in the President of the University at Albany, assumes that the Faculty properly expects to be consulted regarding any proposed change in these policies and regulations, and hence, the Senate expects to be so consulted.

1.3 The Senate shall have the power to place items of business on the agenda of a meeting of the Faculty.

1.4 The Senate shall create such councils and committees as it considers necessary or useful in fulfilling its functions. It may delegate to such councils and committees, or to the Schools and Colleges, such powers as it considers appropriate.

1.5 The Senate may call for a faculty referendum on any issue.

1.6 The Senate shall report its activities to the Faculty regularly and shall submit an annual report to the Faculty and the University Council. Elected Senators shall regularly consult with their constituencies.

1.7 The Senate shall be consulted on major University administrative reorganizations and appointments.

Introduction to the Senate

Charter of the University Senate

The *Faculty Bylaws* specify rights accorded to the Faculty by the Chancellor and Trustees of the State University of New York. According to Article I Section 2.3-2.6 and Article II of those *Bylaws*, duly approved by the Faculty, many of the rights and responsibilities of the Faculty are delegated to the University Senate. This *Charter* specifies, subject to the *Faculty Bylaws*, the mechanisms by which the Senate shall accomplish its duties and exercise its rights.

Introduction to the Senate

Composition of the Senate:

Ex officio Senators (13)

- President – Robert Jones
- Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs – James Stellar
- Vice President for Research – James Dias
- Vice President for Student Success – Michael Christakis
- Vice President for Finance & Business – James R. Van Voorst
- Vice Provost & Dean for Graduate Studies – Kevin Williams
- Vice Provost & Dean for Undergraduate Studies – Jeanette Altarriba
- Representative of Deans – Elga Wulfert, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

- SUNY Senators – J. Phillip Abraham, Walter Little, John Schmidt
- Graduate Association President – Robert Beach
- President's Designee Student Association – Jarius I Jemmott
- Chair Student Association Senate – Raymond Webb

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Composition of the Senate:

College of Arts & Science (22)

- Leonard Slade
- Robert Rosenswig
- Mike Werner
- George Robinson
- Jayandi Pande
- Nancy Roberts
- Aiguo Dai
- Susanna Fessler
- Michael Jerison
- Helene Scheck
- James Mower
- Chris Pastore
- Ilka Kresner
- Johana Londono
- Joshua Isralowitz
- Marcus Adams
- Keith Earle
- Hazel Prelow
- Peter Brandon
- Deborah LaFond
- Youquin Huang, At-large
- Mathias Vuille, At-large

School of Business (3)

TBA (3)

School of Education (4)

Istvan Kecskes
Jolene Malavasic
Zheng Yan
Sandra Vergari

College of Engineering & Applied Sciences (2)

Xiaojun Yuan
Pradeep Atrey

Libraries (3)

Ann Kearney
Jerry Burke
Karen Kiorpes

School of Criminal Justice (1)

David McDowall

Rockefeller College (4)

Keith Early/José Cruz
Greg Nowell
James Fossett
TBA #4

School of Social Welfare (2)

Carolyn Smith
TBA #2

School of Public Health (4)

Ilham Almahamid
Igor Kuznetsov
Sridar Chittur
Wendy Weller

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Composition of the Senate:

Senators-at-Large (10)

- Open Category (4):
 - Martin Manjak (ITS)
 - Vivien Ng (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)
 - Alison Craig (WCI)
 - Maritza Martinez (EOP)
- Professional (4) :
 - Greta Petry (Media Relations)
 - Catherine Parker (Career Services)
 - Michael Jaromin (Student Success)
 - Chris Moore (ITS)
- Part-Time (2):
 - David Mamorella (ITS)
 - Holly McKenna (English)

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Composition of the Senate:

Graduate Senators (4)

- Nakissa Jahanbani
- Henry Curtis
- Tiffany Charles
- Hanna Pageau

Undergraduate Senators (8)

- TBA

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Faculty Bylaws, Article II. Section 4—Executive Committee of the Senate

4.1 Composition:

The President of the University, *ex officio non-voting*

The Provost of the University, *ex officio non-voting*;

The Chair of the Senate (who shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee), *ex officio, voting*;

The immediate Past Chair of the Senate, *ex officio voting*;

The Vice Chair of the Senate, *ex officio voting*;

The Secretary of the Senate, *ex officio voting*;

The Chairs of the Senate Councils, *ex officio voting*;

The representatives to the SUNY Senate, *ex officio voting*;

The President of the Graduate Student Organization, *ex officio voting*,
or a graduate student Senator designated to serve for the year

The President of the Student Association, *ex officio voting*, or the Chair
of the Student Association Senate or another undergraduate student
Senator designated to serve for the year.

Other *ex officio* members as designated by the Senate.

Introduction to the Senate

Standing Committees

CERS: Council on Research and Scholarship

CAFFECOR: Council on Academic Freedom, Freedom of Expression and Community Responsibility

Councils

CAA: Council on Academic Assessment

COR: Council on Research

CPCA: Council on Promotion and Continuing Appointment

GAC: Graduate Academic Council

GOV: Governance Council

LISC: Council on Libraries, Information Systems & Computing

UAC: Undergraduate Academic Council

ULC: University Life Council

UPPC: University Planning & Policy Council

Introduction to the Senate

Legislation:

- Bills
- Resolutions
- Amendments

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: UAC

Date: September 28, 2015

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR IN *Monkey Business*

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the University Senate approves the attached joint proposal from the Department of Zoology (College of Arts and Sciences) and the Department of Management (School of Business) to establish an interdisciplinary undergraduate major in *Monkey Business* as approved by the Undergraduate Academic Council and the University Planning & Policy Council.
2. That the proposed program become effective in the Spring 2016 semester.
3. That this proposal be forwarded to the President for approval.

Motion to approve (*imaginary*) Bill 1516-01I

- A) In Favor
- B) Opposed
- C) Abstain

UNIVERSITY SENATE

Imaginary
Senate Resolution 1314-17IR

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: ULC

Date: November 12, 2013

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE COOKIES AND COFFEE AT SENATE MEETINGS

- Whereas Senators are very busy people and often do not have time for lunch;
- Whereas Senate meetings are held mid-afternoon at 2:45;
- Whereas sugar and caffeine facilitate efficiency;

Be it resolved that the University Senate endorses the provision of cookies and coffee at Senate meetings.

Motion to approve (*imaginary*) Resolution 1314-17IR

- A) In Favor
- B) Opposed
- C) Abstain

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council

Date: October 15, 2014

Amendment RE: Changing the Name of the Committee on Council Nominations

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed amendment of the University Senate Charter be adopted.
- That this amendment go into effect in the Fall semester of 2015

Current Charter:

X.1.5 The Committee on Council Nominations shall consist of...

Proposed Revision:

X.1.5 The Arm Twisting Council shall consist of...

Questions?

Other reports

CHEH Update – Dean David Rousseau

**UFS (University Faculty Senator's Report) – J. Philippe Abraham, Walter Little
& John Schmidt**

The UFS Senators look forward to the Fall Plenary at Buffalo State on October 22-24.

Graduate Student Association Report – Robert Beach, GSA President

I am happy to report that we have put together an exceptional senate and senate council team in the GSA. Our representatives are as follows:

GOV: Caitlin Janiszewski

COR: Hanna Pageau (Lead Senator), Hirah Mir

GAC: Rebecca Prince, Cristina Herrera, Tiffany Charles (Senator)

UPPC: Nakissa Jahanbani (Senator)

UAC: Derek Ellis

ULC: Yueyue Wang

LISC: Nicholas Schiraldi

CAA: Henry Curtis (Senator)

The GSA itself is in a very good position. It has a pretty big budget and is seeing increased participation by graduate students. We are looking forward to a very productive year.

Student Association Report – Jarius Jemmot I , Student Association President

- Nothing to report

CAA – James Mower, Chair

- CAA is still forming committee assignments but otherwise has nothing to report.

CAFFECoR – Carol Jewell, Chair

- CAFFECoR met on Sept. 17. We discussed several issues, which we will work more on in the coming months, particularly as they relate to or impinge upon Academic Freedom.

CERS – Michael Jerison, Chair

- Nothing to report

COR – Daniele Fabris, Chair

- The COR had its first meeting on September 17. We started to fill up the rosters of the various subcommittees and discussed the major item in the agenda, which consists of the new amendments of patent policies suggested by SUNY central. A document/report on this item will be percolating among the COR members.

CPCA – Lynn Warner, Chair

- CPCA met on Sep 15 and reviewed 1 promotion case and 1 tenure and promotion case.
- CPCA is scheduled to meet on Sep 28 to review 2 tenure and promotion cases.

GAC – Ronald Toseland, Chair

- Nothing to report

GOV – James Collins, Chair

- Nothing to report; the dates for the GOV meetings are scheduled.

LISC – David Mamorella, Chair

- LISC will have their first meeting on Sept. 21.

UAC – Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs (1 Of 2)

Report of UAC Activity, May 7-September 15, 2015

- The Undergraduate Academic Council, led by Chair Robert Yagelski, held its last meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year on May 7.
- The Council reviewed and approved a proposal from the Psychology Department to change the terms of conditional readmission to the Psychology major from 2.50 in Psychology courses after completion of core courses to 2.75. This higher GPA requirement will increase the likelihood that students will meet the full admission requirements to the major the following semester.
- The Council also reviewed two proposals forwarded from the Provost and Vice Provost. English is proposing a Joint 3+2 Degree Program with the School of Foreign Languages of Shanghai University, and English/Liberal Studies submitted a proposal to create a new B.A./M.A. program. UAC does not need to act or vote on either proposal but reports support for them. GAC will review the proposals in the fall.

UAC – Karen Kiorpes and Christy Smith, Co-Chairs (2 Of 2)

- The Curriculum and Honors Committee reported out approval of the following proposals:
- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences is revising the B.S. in Atmospheric Science. A new capstone course has been added and the program will require 70 credits, up from 66, in part because of the guidelines associated with SUNY Seamless Transfer initiatives
- Chemistry is deactivating the Chemistry/Comprehensive Forensics Chemistry Emphasis B.S. since maintaining the Emphasis to meet the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission was become unwieldy
- Geography and Planning is revising the Globalization Studies language requirement so that it is clearer and simple
- Political Science is clarifying the requirements of the B.A. to ensure 18 credits must be taken at the 300 or 400 level at that a minimum of 15 credits must be completed
- The Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing reported that the subcommittee, Committee on Academic Standing has been meeting weekly to review student petitions for exceptions to academic policy. CAS will convene for two full days in June to review petitions for reinstatement from students who will be dismissed when grades are posted at the end of the semester.

ULC – Michael Jaromin, Chair

- Nothing to report.

UPPC – Joette Stefl-Mabry, Chair

- Nothing to report; the first meeting is on September 24.

Unfinished Business

- Senate Bill 1415-04: Deactivate and Discontinue the Puerto Rican Studies Major in the Department of Latin American & US Latino Studies

New Business

Election of Senators Selected by their Council as Council Chair

Senate Charter: VIII.3.3. As stated in Article II Section 6.3 of the *Bylaws*, council chairs must be Senators. If a council is unable to elect a chair from among its Senators, it may nominate its chair-elect to be appointed for a one-year term as a Senator by the approval of the Senate.

- Christy Smith (UE), Co-Chair of UAC
- Ronald Toseland (CAS) , Chair of GAC
- Lynn Warner (SSW), Chair of UPPC
- Daniele Fabris (CAS), Chair of COR

New Business

Approval of Changes in Council Memberships

New Business

Charter Amendment 1516-01A

Amendment RE: Updates to Section X.4 (GAC)

Charter Amendment 1516-02A

Amendment RE: Asymmetry in LISC Standing Committees

From Charter Section IX. “The Secretary shall circulate the proposed amendment at least three weeks prior to the Senate meeting at which the vote is scheduled.”

- Amendments distributed with materials for 9/28 Senate meeting
- Vote on amendment will take place at 10/19 Senate meeting

Other New Business?

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn?